

## **“GREEN SHEET”**

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**Meeting:** August 3-4, 2012, Commission Meeting

**Agenda item #15:** DFW’s Role in the Lower Columbia River MOA; Estuary Restoration - Briefing

**Staff Contact:** David Price, Restoration Division Manager, Habitat Program

**Presenter(s):** David Price, Restoration Division Manager, Habitat Program

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**Background:**

WDFW entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (Washington Lower Columbia Estuary MOA) with the Bonneville Power Administration, Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation in September 2009 to fund habitat restoration activities in the Columbia River Estuary. This state-federal MOA funds about \$41 million over 9 years (2010 to 2018) in fish habitat restoration activities with a goal of significantly enhancing survival of 13 salmon and steelhead stocks listed under the ESA. WDFW leads project development efforts to identify, scope, and prioritize restoration actions from the mouth of the Columbia River to Bonneville Dam, including lower tributary reaches having tidal influence. WDFW partners with regional salmon recovery entities to implement on-the-ground projects with BPA ratepayer and Corps §536 funding.

David Price will provide an overview of the Lower Columbia Estuary MOA and an update on associated restoration projects.

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**Policy issues:**

None

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**Public involvement process and outcome:**

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**Action requested:**

None

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A

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**Justification for Commission Action:**

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**Communications Plan:**

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